

All programs are free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Our interpretive programs are designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages. Children under 12, please bring an adult.

Facilities:

State Park Nature Center
9:30am-4:30pm Sun-Fri
9:30am-6pm Saturday

Main Park Office
8:30am-4pm Daily

Swimming Beach Hours
11am-6pm Daily



Program support comes from the Friends of Indiana Dunes. Learn more at www.friendofindiandunes.org.



Camping and shelter reservations can be made at www.camp.in.gov.



Celebrating 100 years of making memories naturally!

Indiana Dunes State Park

August 22-September 5/www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

Daily Guided Hikes and Talks

Monday (see back side for Labor Day)

10:00am/ Wetland Wander. The dunes are more than just sand. Explore the amazing wetland life on this 1 hour stroll meeting at the Nature Center.

3:00pm/ Just a Few Furs! Learn about the variety of dunes critters during this interactive 45-minutes at the Nature Center.

Tuesday

10:00am/ Busy Beaver Walk. Join us for a short walk in search of signs of our most busy rodent! Meet at the Campground Gate. Prepare for off-trail walking.



3:00pm/ Dunes Through Four Seasons. Come explore the dunes in all of her beauty during this naturalist slide show tour at the Nature Center.

Wednesday

10:00am/ Beach House Blowout Bound. Join the naturalist for this one hour moderate hike to the spectacular view from the Beach House Blowout. Meet at the Nature Center.

3:00pm/ Scales and Tales! Check out the park's native reptiles and amphibians live at the Nature Center. Total time about 45 minutes.



Thursday

10:00am/ Dunes Creek Crossing. Meet at the Campground Gate for an exploration of our unique Dunes Creek. Possible creek wading possible. Total time about one hour.

3:00pm/ Who Pooped In the Park!? Win prizes for knowing your scat during this fun 45-minutes at the Nature Center. No turds allowed!

Friday

10:00am/ High Dunes Hiking. Strap on your hiking shoes for this 1 hour summit to the state's highest sand dune. Meet at the Campground Shelter by site 113.

3:00pm/ Nature Crafts. Come to the Nature Center for an hour of nature craft fun. What will we be making today!?

8:00pm/ Evening Campground Fun. From raccoons to coyotes, nature crafts to story time, join us for a fun program every Friday night at the Campground Shelter, by site 113.

Beach Yoga in the Dunes 2016!



The Duneland and Valparaiso YMCA have partnered with the Indiana Dunes State Park in 2016 to offer beach yoga on the state park main beach, by the pavilion. The cost is \$10 per session, and 5 class passes are also available for \$40. For more information or to register, call (219) 462-4185, visit valpoymca.org, or just show up. Classes are cancelled in inclement weather.

Session Dates and Times are:

Tuesday	9am
Thursday	9am
Thursday (sunset yoga)	7pm
Friday	9am
Sunday	9am



Dunes Fall Warbler ID Workshop- September 1

Join premier state birding expert, Dr. Ken Brock, for an intensive, 2 hour study of the warblers found in the dunes. The workshop takes place **on Thursday, September 1, from 6pm-8pm** and includes an optional fall warbler ID hike on September 3. Cost is \$20/person and paid the night of the workshop. Call the Nature Center at 219-926-1390 for more info or to register.

Saturday August 27

10am Dog Days Hike. Join us for a dog days hike into the dunes forest. We'll explore the real canines of the dunes along the way. Feel free to bring your pooch and meet at the Nature Center. Join us! CF

3pm A Sandbox of Fun. Explore what makes our sand so special and unique from other places during this interactive program in the Nature Center. We'll compare other sands from around the world too. GT

7pm Sunset on Mt Tom! Mt Tom is an excellent spot to watch the sunset over Lake Michigan. Join Greg at the Campground Shelter for a short jaunt up Trail 4 to view Indiana's greatest sunset. We'll then come back through the twilight forest. Children under 12, please bring an adult. GT

Sunday August 28

8:30am Informal Church Service at the Campground Shelter.

10am Sassafras Saunter. Enjoy a fresh air stroll through the dunes woods this morning. We'll explore our popular sassafras and other trees that make our forest special. Grab the family and join us. GT

3pm Dune Critters! Visit the Nature Center to learn more about our amazing diversity of dune mammals. From coyotes to raccoons, we'll discuss it all in this interactive 45 minutes at the Nature Center. GT

Saturday September 3

10am Wetland Safari! Join us for a morning in the wetlands. We'll do some dip netting along the wetland boardwalk along the way. Join us at the Nature Center. GT

3pm Shipwreck Stories. Set anchor at the Nature Center for this interactive program looking at our special shipwrecks and stories on Lake Michigan. Great program for the history buffs. CF

5pm 100th Anniversary of State Parks! If you haven't seen this PBS special, come check it out! Explore 100 years of state park history, from the first state park to what's being done now in this 45-minute documentary in the Nature Center Auditorium.

8pm Owl Prowl! Swoop to the Nature Center for this hour jaunt in the darkening forest. We'll seek out the owls, bats, flying squirrels, and other nocturnal wildlife. Children under 12, please bring an adult. BB

Sunday September 4

8:30am Informal Church Service at the Campground Shelter.

10am Journey to Ecology Cove. Strap on your hiking boots for a moderate jaunt up to the highest sand dune in Indiana. We'll meet at the Campground Shelter (by site 116) and enjoy an easier climb up and descend the stairs into "ecology cove" on the way back. Total time about one hour. GT

3pm Get Lost! Don't get lost in the woods! Learn how to use a compass during this 30 min. hands-on activity outside the Nature Center. GT

7pm Bat Chat! Get batty with the naturalist this evening! Meet outside the Nature Center for a fun look at the bats of the Indiana Dunes. Afterwards we'll take a short walkabout looking for them and play some echolocation trickery on them. It's a great family activity. CF

Monday September 5

Happy Labor Day!

10am Feed the Birds Trek to Mt Tom this morning, then enjoy the long run down towards the beach. We'll then take Trail 7 back. Meet at Campground Shelter, by site 113. GT

3pm Scales and Tales! Check out the park's native reptiles and amphibians live at the Nature Center. Total time about 45 minutes.

*Mark your Calendars for
History Comes Alive Weekend!
September 10/11, 2016*

**Join us for special
activities all weekend,
including French fur
trader re-enactments on
the beach!**

